

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-7, 9, 10, 13 and 15-17 have been amended and claim 19 is added. Claim 1 is independent. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Interview

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiners Neckel and Tumminelli in the December 23, 2008 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

II. Amendment

Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in the specification at, for example, Figs. 1A-8C, support for the amendments to claim 10 can be found at the specification at, for example, page 8, lines 18-28, support for new claim 19 can be found in the specification at, for example, page 22, lines 6-18 and the amendment to claims 1-7, 9, 10, 13 and 15-17 have been made for clarity purposes. No new matter is added.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7, 9-11, 13 and 15-17.

Regarding the term "sufficiently," claim 1 has already been amended to obviate the rejection as acknowledged in the Response to Amendment section of the Office Action.

Regarding the term "essentially," claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 13 and 15-17 have been amended to obviate the rejection as discussed and acknowledged during the December 23, 2008 personal interview.

Regarding the term "considerably," claim 3 has been amended to obviate the rejection as discussed and acknowledged during the December 23, 2008 personal interview.

Regarding the term "low reflectivity," claim 10 has been amended to obviate the rejection as discussed during the December 23, 2008 personal interview.

Regarding the term "partially," claim 11 has already been amended to obviate the rejection as acknowledged in the Response to Amendment section of the Office Action.

Regarding claim 1 being unclear, claim 1 has already been amended to obviate the rejection as acknowledged in the Response to Amendment section of the Office Action.

Withdrawal of the rejections of the claims is respectfully requested.

IV. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-13, 17 and 18 over U.S. Patent No. 3,811,954 to Lindmayer; and rejects claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Lindmayer in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,927,721 to Gratzel et al. (Gratzel). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "the non-transparent areas have openings filled by the transparent areas, and the transparent areas and the non-transparent areas are located in the same plane." The applied references fail to teach or render obvious the recited features of independent claim 1.

As discussed and acknowledged during the December 23, 2008 personal interview, the applied references fail to teach or render obvious that the non-transparent areas have openings filled by the transparent areas, and the transparent areas and the non-transparent areas are located in the same plane as recited in independent claim 1.

The dependent claims are patentable at least due to their dependence on allowable independent claim 1 and for the additional features they recite.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of the claims is respectfully requested.

V. New Claim 19 is Patentable

New claim 19 is added. As discussed during December 23, 2008 personal interview, new claim 19 is patentable at least due to its dependence on allowable independent claim 1 and for the additional features it recites.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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